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DCR Parking and Recreational Advisory: Parking Ban and Rink Closures Due to Winter Storm

WHAT:

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will implement a number of measures to prepare for the severe winter storm forecast for the next several days.

DCR will institute a snow emergency and parking ban on ALL DCR roadways and parkways beginning Monday, January 26th, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. until further notice. The Massachusetts State Police (MSP) will ticket and tow any vehicles parked along DCR roadways after the snow emergency and parking ban goes into effect.

Due to the effects of the winter storm, DCR advises drivers of the increased potential for coastal roadway closures due flooding along several roads during the snowstorm, including but not limited to: Morrissey Boulevard in Boston, Nantasket Avenue and Hull Shore Drive in Hull, Quincy Shore Drive in Quincy, Winthrop Parkway and Winthrop Shore Drive in Winthrop, and Revere Beach Boulevard in Revere. DCR advises drivers to be aware of the potential for road closures and seek alternate routes.

In addition, DCR managed rinks and park visitor centers will close at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2015 until further notice. The Melnea A. Cass Recreation Center will close at 6:00 p.m. DCR staff will work to reopen these facilities as the storm dissipates, but advises residents of potential delays and to use caution when visiting parks and report any safety concerns to staff.

DCR's Twitter page will be updated with information as needed @MassDCR

WHEN: Monday, January 26, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. until further notice. (Snow Emergency

and Parking Ban) Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, Medford, Milton, Chelsea.

Revere, Lynn, Winthrop. DCR rink and visitor centers also close.

WHERE: For a list of DCR Roadways visit http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/services-and-

> assistance/winter-storm-mgmt/and click on "Winter Storm Plan." DCR Twitter will also be updated as information becomes available throughout the storm. Follow us on Twitter

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